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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Sedgwick	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Campbell, B. H., House	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1155 North River Boulevard			
CITY OR TOWN: Wichita			
STATE Kansas	CODE 67203	COUNTY: Sedgwick	CODE 173

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Walter L. Morris Estate Mrs. Maye Crumm, Administrator			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1155 North River Boulevard			
CITY OR TOWN: Wichita	STATE: Kansas	CODE 67203	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Sedgwick County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Wichita	STATE: Kansas	CODE 67202	CODE 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) exterior			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The B. H. Campbell House in Wichita is a two-story irregularly shaped structure with a full basement and an attic. The building faces east and is approximately 60 feet long and 75 feet deep with an overall height of 40 feet.

The exterior walls are constructed of rough-hewn stone blocks laid in uniform horizontal courses. The stone lengths are random. The height of the horizontal courses decreases as they rise above the ground line, reducing the massiveness of the building as the walls rise. Three enormously large courses of stone blocks demark the basement portion of the house.

The steep hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A simple cornice separates the roof from the stone walls. Small dormers and gables as well as several stone chimneys break the roof line. The dormers are used to provide light to the attic which is behind the hip roof. The roof ridges are decorated with ornamental cast iron ridge caps. A large circular tower is located at the northeast corner of the house. This stone tower is decorated with stone laid in a checkerboard pattern and with a castellated roof line.

Windows on all floors are generally rectangular with no special treatment at the head or sills. At the top of the tower are circular windows surrounded by circular arches. Semicircular window openings occur in the gable ends of the roof. A large arched porch is located on the south side and is connected to a covered drive. A large two-story stone barn still stands on the grounds. It features a circular stone tower on the south side.

The exterior of the house is believed to be basically as it was originally.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The B. H. Campbell House in Wichita was built in 1888 for Col. Burton Harvey Campbell, a prominent Kansas cattleman, who was widely known as "Barbecue" Campbell. Born in 1829 at Randolph, New York, he was in the lumber business in New York City for a number of years. He acquired the title of "Colonel" when the U. S. government utilized his business knowledge in Reconstruction activities in the South after the Civil War. In 1870 the Campbells moved to Kane county, Illinois, where they purchased a farm and began breeding cattle, horses and sheep. Because of his interest in purebred cattle, Campbell helped organize, and served as the first secretary of, the American Short Horn Breeders Association, which created a system of registering the ancestry of cattle.

In the late 1870's Campbell sold his stock and land and moved to Kansas to start a cattle ranch. The Campbells lived in Hutchinson for one year and then moved to Wichita in 1881. He established a ranch south of Caldwell in the Cherokee Strip until the cattlemen were evicted from the area by the Secretary of the Interior. Then he leased land from the Creek Indian Nation in Indian Territory until 1891 when he moved his ranching activities to Clark county, Kansas. Probably the most widely known ranch with which Campbell was associated was the famous XIT Ranch in Texas. In 1885 the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Co., Ltd., established a three million-acre ranch, which Campbell managed until 1887.

Although he was away from Wichita for many years, that city remained his permanent home and the residence of his wife and family after 1881. In 1888 on the west bank of the Little Arkansas river he had constructed a 14-room mansion which is still considered one of the showplaces of the city. Several architects worked on plans for the structure which reportedly took two years to complete. The exterior was built of stone imported from the East and the interior woodwork and floors were of mahogany, walnut, oak and cherry woods.

The Campbell family occupied the large stone house until the deaths of Col. and Mrs. Campbell in 1908 and 1907.

The Campbell house was for many years one of Wichita's showplace residences. It is an excellent example of Victorian residential architecture executed in native limestone.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 "Historic Wichita Homes," Wichita Morning Eagle, July 17, 1960.
 "The Magic City"--Wichita (Neenah, Wis., Art Publishing Co., 1889), pp. 49, 52.
 "Mrs. Ellen Campbell Started Culinary Club," Wichita Eagle Magazine, August 23, 1955.
Notes on Early Clark County, Kansas (Ashland, Kan., Clark County Clipper, 1943), v. 4, pp. 26-31.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		37° 42' 16"	97° 21' 30"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Richard Pankratz, Planner</u> <u>Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant</u>	
ORGANIZATION: <u>Kansas State Historical Society</u>	DATE: <u>December 8, 1972</u>
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>120 West Tenth Street</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Topeka</u>	STATE: <u>Kansas</u> 66612 CODE: <u>20</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date December 18, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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9. Wichita Weekly Eagle, April 6, 1888.